Development of Agriculture in Punjab

2844. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: *Will the* Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab has sought financial assistance for the development of agricultural sector in the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVID NETAM): (a) and (b) Central Assistance is given to the State Governments in the form of block loans and grants for the Annual Plans as a whole of the States, in which important sectors sub-sectors and scheme are earmarked, Normal Central Assistance given to Punjab for Annual Plan 1994-95 is Rs. 169.25 crores, the total outlay approved is Rs. 1456.14 crores and outlay for agriculture and allied activities approved by Planning Commission is Rs. 89.55 crores.

Aid from Foreign Countries for Agricultural Development

2845. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount received as aid from foreign countries and international organisations for agricultural development including the related areas during the last three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned out of that aid to Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the amount sanctioned was completely utilised in the manner in which it was intended to spend; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The total amount of foreign aid received for agricultural sector during the last three years is as under :

(Rs. in crores)

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
812.99	1303.93	821.24

(b) to (d) The year-wise expenditure for externally aided projects in agricultural sector in respect of Govt. of Tamil Nadu for the last three years is given in the statement enclsoed. (*See* below)

In addition, a Comprehensive watershed Development Project with DANIDA assistance has been sanctioned for Ramanathapuram District which has been started in 1994-95.

Statement

Expenditure for externally aided agricultural projects in Tamil Nadu

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Project	Funding Agency	Expenditure incurred			Amount released by Govt. of India		
			1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	91-92	92-93	93-94
1.	Tamil Nadu Agricultural Dev. Project	World Bank	935.84	2194.46	3821.60	Nil	1631 34	3828 17
2.	Tamil Nadu Women in Agriculture	DANIDA (Danish International Dev. Agency)	37.71	96.31	51.64	20.00	99.00	190.00
3.	Comprehensive Watershed Development Project in Tirunelveli	DANIDA	129.057	192.035	218.058	110.00	100.00	290.00